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Sir:

In response to the Final Official Action dated March 8, 2005, setting a shortened three-month statutory period for response to expire on June 8, 2005, Applicants respectfully request entry of the present amendment and withdrawal of the outstanding rejection in view of the herein contained amendments and remarks.